

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 21 to 24 and the indication of allowability of claims 1-20 is appreciated.

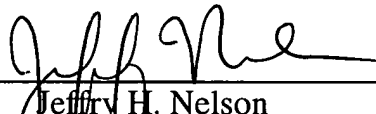
Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended in the manner suggested in the Action and to overcome the objection to claims 1 to 20.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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